GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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Excavation of Minerals
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minerals found in the country during the last three years, State/ location/mineral-wise;
(b) the steps taken by the Government for proper excavation of these minerals; and
(c) the names of agencies through which these works are likely to be undertaken?

Answer

(a): Geological Survey of India (GSI), an attached office of Ministry of Mines, carries out mineral exploration (survey) work in different States/Union Territories of the country as per its annual Field Season Programmes. The details of minerals found/survey conducted by GSI in the country during the last three years are annexed.

(b): Excavation of minerals is done through grant of mining leases on the establishment of evidence to prove the existence of mineral contents in the explored areas. In areas where the evidence of mineral contents is not as per the level prescribed for grant of a mining lease, the state governments grant a prospecting licence-cum-mining lease which entails conducting prospecting operations to establish the evidence of mineral contents prescribed for grant of a mining lease before grant of a mining lease.

(c): The following Government companies have been notified under the second proviso to section 4(1) of the MMDR Act, 1957 to conduct prospecting operations without a prospecting licence. The Government companies are required to hand over the data generated by it, in respect of the prospecting operations undertaken by it, to the State Government which would enable the State Governments to grant mining leases in areas where the evidence of mineral contents is established for grant of a mining lease.

Sl. No Name of the Government company
1 Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
2 Steel Authority of India Ltd
3 National Mineral Development Corporation Limited
4 KIOCL
5 Manganese Ore India Limited
6 Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation Limited
7 Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd
8 Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited
9 Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited
10 Singareni Collieries Company Limited
11 Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation
12 Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited

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